

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 32: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
Chapter 113-B: COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH CARE
PROVIDERS HEADING: PL 1995, c. 671, §13 (new)

§12501. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW).]

1. Acupuncture. "Acupuncture" means the insertion of fine metal needles through the skin at specific points on or near the surface of the body with or without the palpation of specific points on the body and with or without the application of electric current or heat to the needles or skin, or both. The practice of acupuncture is based on traditional oriental theories and serves to normalize physiological function, treat certain diseases and dysfunctions of the body, prevent or modify the perception of pain and promote health and well-being.

[2003, c. 666, §1 (AMD) .]

2. Acupuncture intern. "Acupuncture intern" means an acupuncture student enrolled in an acupuncture internship program approved by the board that involves practical training, including needle insertion on human subjects.

[1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

3. Approved naturopathic medical college. "Approved naturopathic medical college" means a college or program granting the degree of doctor of naturopathic medicine or doctor of naturopathy approved by the board that:

A. Is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the Federal Government; or [1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

B. Is a candidate for accreditation with such an agency. [1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

[1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

4. Board. "Board" means the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers.

[1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

5. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation.

[1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

6. Homeopathic preparation. "Homeopathic preparation" means medicine prepared according to the "Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States Revised Service" (Nov. 1995).

[1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

7. Natural antibiotics. "Natural antibiotics" means antimicrobial, antifungal and antiprotozoal agents that are naturally occurring substances or are manufactured substances that are substantially identical to those naturally occurring substances.

[1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

8. Naturopathic acupuncture. "Naturopathic acupuncture" means the insertion of acupuncture needles into specific points on the skin to treat human disease and impairment and to relieve pain. The practice of naturopathic acupuncture is only within the scope of practice of naturopathic doctors certified pursuant to section 12525.

[1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

9. Naturopathic doctor. "Naturopathic doctor" means a person authorized and licensed to practice naturopathic medicine under this chapter.

[1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

10. Naturopathic manipulative therapy. "Naturopathic manipulative therapy" means the manually administered or mechanical treatment of body structures or tissues in accordance with naturopathic principles for the purpose of restoring normal physiological function to the body by normalizing and balancing the musculoskeletal system of the body.

[1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

11. Naturopathic medicine. "Naturopathic medicine" means a system of health care for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of human health conditions, injuries and diseases that uses education, natural medicines and therapies to support and stimulate the individual's intrinsic self-healing processes.

[1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

12. Naturopathic physical medicine. "Naturopathic physical medicine" means the therapeutic use of physical agents of air, water, heat, cold, sound, light and electromagnetic nonionizing radiation and the physical modalities of electrotherapy, diathermy, ultraviolet light, ultrasound, hydrotherapy, naturopathic manipulative therapy, therapeutic exercise and acupuncture if the provider is certified pursuant to section 12525, subsection 3.

[1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

13. Office procedures. "Office procedures" means methods for the repair and care incidental to superficial lacerations and abrasions, superficial lesions and the removal of foreign bodies located in the superficial tissues. The use of antiseptics and local anesthetics in connection with these methods is permitted. The use of general, regional or spinal anesthetics, major surgery, surgery of the body cavities or specialized surgeries such as plastic surgery, surgery involving the eye or surgery when tendons are involved is not permitted.

[1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

14. Person. "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or other association or organization.

[1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

15. Topical medicine. "Topical medicine" means topical analgesics, anesthetics, antiseptics, scabicides, antifungals and antibacterials.

[1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

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